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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

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1. A method in a data processing system for providing access to resources within the data processing system, the method comprising the data processing system implemented steps of:

receiving a request from a requestor to access a resource in the data processing system;

10 10 sending a first cookie to the requestor in response to the request, wherein the cookie is used to access the resource;

storing an identification of the requestor and the cookie to form a stored identification and a stored cookie;

15 15 responsive to receiving a second cookie from a source, comparing an identification of the source and the second cookie with the stored identification and the stored cookie; and

20 20 responsive to a match between the identification of the source and the second cookie and the stored identification and the stored cookie, allowing access to the resource.

25 2. The method of claim 1, wherein access to the resource is allowed by accepting the second cookie.

3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

responsive to an absence of a match between the

30 30 identification of the source and the second cookie and the stored identification and the stored cookie,

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rejecting the second cookie.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the resource is a file and the first cookie identifies disk location of the
5 file.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the source is a web server.

10 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of storing an identification of the source and the first cookie to form a stored identification and a stored cookie comprises:

15 storing the identification of the source and the first cookie in a cache.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the identification is an Internet protocol address.

20 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the steps of receiving, sending, storing, comparing, and allowing are performed in a browser.

25 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the resource is a file having a path and further comprising:

generating a disk location number from the path; and placing the disk location number into the first cookie.

30 10. A method in a data processing system for processing a cookie, the method comprising the data processing

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system implemented steps of:

receiving a request from a source to access a resource in the data processing system;

5 sending a cookie to the source to form a sent
cookie, wherein the sent cookie is used to access the
resource;

responsive to receiving a subsequent cookie, authenticating the subsequent cookie with the cookie; and responsive to authenticating the subsequent cookie.

10 allowing access to the resource.

11. The method of claim 10 further comprising:

storing the sent cookie and an identification of the source.

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12. The method of claim 10, wherein the sent cookie and the identification of the source are stored in a cache.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the identification is a stored identification and wherein the authenticating step comprises:

comparing the stored identification with an identification of a source for the subsequent cookie; and comparing the sent cookie with the subsequent cookie.

25 cookie.

14. The method of claim 10, wherein the source is a Web server.

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30 15. The method of claim 10, wherein the resource is a
file.

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16. The method of claim 15, wherein the cookie includes
a disk location of the file.

5 17. A data processing system comprising:

a cache;

a cookie management process, wherein the cookie
management process generates a cookie in response to
receiving a request to access a resource within the data
10 processing system from a requestor; sends the cookie to
the requestor, stores the cookie and an identification of
the requestor in the cache; responsive to being presented
a received cookie from a source, compares the cookie and
the identification of the requestor to the received
15 cookie and the source; and allows access to the resource
in response to a match between the cookie and the
identification of the requestor with the received cookie
and the source.

20 18. The data processing system of claim 17, wherein the
requestor is a server.

19. The data processing system of claim 17, wherein the
resource is a file.

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20. The data processing system of claim 17, wherein the
identification of the requestor and the identification of
the source are Internet protocol addresses.

30 21. A data processing system for providing access to
resources within the data processing system, the data

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processing system comprising:

receiving means for receiving a request from a requestor to access a resource in the data processing system;

5 sending means for sending a first cookie to the requestor, wherein the first cookie is used to access the resource;

storing means for storing an identification of the requestor and the first cookie to form a stored

10 identification and a stored cookie;

comparing means, responsive to receiving a second cookie from a source, for comparing an identification of the source and the second cookie with the stored identification and the stored cookie; and

15 allowing means, responsive to a match between the identification of the source and the second cookie and the stored identification and the stored cookie, for allowing access to the resource.

20 22. The data processing system of claim 21, wherein access to the resource is allowed by accepting the second cookie.

25 23. The data processing system of claim 21 further comprising:

rejecting means, responsive to an absence of a match between the identification of the source and the second cookie and the stored identification and the stored cookie, for rejecting the second cookie.

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24. The data processing system of claim 21, wherein the

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resource is a file and the first cookie identifies disk location of the file.

25. The data processing system of claim 21, wherein the
5 source is a web server.

26. The data processing system of claim 21, wherein the
storing means for storing an identification of the source
and the first cookie to form a stored identification and
10 a stored cookie comprises:

 storing means for storing the identification of the
source and the first cookie in a cache.

27. The data processing system of claim 26, wherein the
15 identification is an Internet protocol address.

28. The data processing system of claim 21, wherein the
receiving means, sending means, storing means, comparing
means, and allowing means are performed in a browser.
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29. The data processing system of claim 21, wherein the
resource is a file having a path and further comprising:

 generating means for generating a disk location
number from the path; and

25 placing means for placing the disk location number
into the first cookie.

30. A data processing system for processing a cookie,
the data processing system comprising:

30 receiving means for receiving a request from a
source to access a resource in the data processing

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system; /

sending means for sending a cookie to the source to form a sent cookie, wherein the sent cookie is used to access the resource;

5 authenticating means, responsive to receiving a subsequent cookie, for authenticating the subsequent cookie with the cookie; and

allowing means, responsive to authenticating the subsequent cookie, for allowing access to the resource.

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31. The data processing system of claim 30 further comprising:

storing means for storing the sent cookie and an identification of the source.

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32. The data processing system of claim 30, wherein the sent cookie and the identification of the source are stored in a cache.

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33. The data processing system of claim 32, wherein the identification is a stored identification and wherein the authenticating means comprises:

first comparing means for comparing the stored identification with an identification of a source for the 25 subsequent cookie; and

second comparing means for comparing the sent cookie with the subsequent cookie.

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34. The data processing system of claim 30, wherein the source is a Web server.

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35. The data processing system of claim 30, wherein the resource is a file.

36. The data processing system of claim 35, wherein the 5 cookie includes a disk location of the file.

37. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing access to resources within the data processing system, the computer program product 10 comprising:

first instructions for receiving a request from a requestor to access a resource in the data processing system;

second instructions for sending a first cookie to 15 the requestor, wherein the first cookie is used to access the resource;

third instructions for storing an identification of the requestor and the first cookie to form a stored identification and a stored cookie;

20 fourth instructions, responsive to receiving a second cookie from a source, for comparing an identification of the source and the second cookie with the stored identification and the stored cookie; and

25 fifth instructions, responsive to a match between the identification of the source and the second cookie and the stored identification and the stored cookie, for allowing access to the resource.

38. A computer program product in a computer readable 30 medium for processing a cookie, the computer program product comprising:

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first instructions for receiving a request from a source to access a resource in the data processing system;

5 second instructions for sending a cookie to the source to form a sent cookie, wherein the sent cookie is used to access the resource;

third instructions, responsive to receiving a subsequent cookie, for authenticating the subsequent cookie with the cookie; and

10 fourth instructions, responsive to authenticating the subsequent cookie, for allowing access to the resource.

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